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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4766
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY UDORN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (CONWAY), ROSEMARY ANN AND INFANT MAUREEN)
SUBJECT: STATUS OF MAUREEN AND ROSEMARY CONWAY

REF: VIENTIANE 4699 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON JULY 14 EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO MORE LETTERS FROM
MS. CONWAY. BOTH LETTERS WERE SMUGGLED OUT OF HER PRISON
AND BROUGHT TO US BY A LAO WHOSE OFFICES ARE NEAR HER
PRISON, AND WHO SAID HE FELT SORRY FOR HER.

2. FIRST LETTER, NOT DATED, STATED SHE WAS HUNGRY AND
WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAD RECEIVED HER LETTERS. SECOND
LETTER, WRITTEN JULY 11, STATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED
C-RATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS OF FOOD AND MEDICINE AND PHOTOS
OF HER CHILD WE HAD SENT TO HER VIA FOREIGN MINISTRY.

MS. CONWAY ASKED ABOUT SAFETY OF CHILD IN UDORN, BUT
IN NEITHER LETTER DID SHE MAKE ANY MENTION OF HAVING RE-
CEIVED OUR REPORT THAT MARTINS WILL LEAVE UDORN IN ONE OR
TWO MONTHS AND OUR REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEND CHILD
TO HER FAMILY AT THAT TIME.

3. IN SECOND LETTER MS. CONWAY STATED SHE HAD BEEN HAND-
CUFFED AND BEATEN ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION. SHE SAID SHE
HAD REFUSED TO SIGN STATEMENT LAO AUTHORITIES HAD PREPARED
AND HAD BEEN TOLD SHE WAS "UNCOOPERATIVE" AND WOULD STAY
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IN LAO PRISON "FOR REST OF HER LIFE." MS. CONWAY DOES NOT

SAY WHAT CHARGES, IF ANY, ARE CONTAINED IN STATEMENT SHE
WAS ASKED TO SIGN, AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD WHAT THE
FORMAL CHARGES (IF ANY) ARE AGAINST HER. HOWEVER, LAO
OFFICIAL RADIO AND PRESS FOR MORE THAN A MONTH HAVE BEEN
CLAIMING SHE WAS "AMERICAN SPY."

4. EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SAME DAY (JULY 14)
AGAIN REQUESTING CONSULAR ACCESS. WE ARE ALSO SENDING
LETTER TO MS. CONWAY JULY 15 TOGETHER WITH MORE FOOD
THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE ARE PRESSING AS HARD AS
POSSIBLE FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO MS. CONWAY, BUT WE HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NO LEVERAGE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE HAVE NOT
HAD ACCESS WITH MS. CONWAY SINCE JUNE 11.

5. TEXT OF LATEST TWO LETTERS, CONWAY LETTERS AND
CONSULAR OFFICER'S LETTER, BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT,
ATTENTION SCS AND EA/LC.
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